

Institutionalizing Innovative Projects

Program Name:

Public Service Law Corporation (PSLC) Guardianship Project

Lead Staff:

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Program Description:

The Guardianship Project is a collaborative effort offered by the court and PSLC. The program provides a paralegal and an attorney to assist parties with completing legal forms or answering legal questions related to guardianship cases. The paralegal serves to qualify parties based on income, while the attorney assists with legal issues.

Division:

Riverside County Superior Court

While the attorney does not represent the parties in court, he or she is present and can assist parties outside of court based on referrals from the judicial officer. The attorney attempts to provide enough assistance so that parties can return to court on the same day to complete their hearing. Office space is available within walking distance of the court for more complex matters. A flyer is included in guardianship packets distributed at the court so that customers are aware of this service.

Advisory Committee/Task Force involved:

Program Origin or Mandates (Legislation, Judicial Council, etc.):

Grant funded - Equal Access Funds

Date Program

Began:

February-02

Has this program been evaluated?

☐ No

☒ Yes.

Type of Evaluation:

Onsite visit in August 2004 by California State Bar administrators.

Evaluator:

Number of courts with the program at present:

Available in 2 court locations.

Institutionalized Status:

☒ On-going When: _____

☐ Pilot

☐ Has this shift been considered?

Please explain why/why not:

